

Women in national legislatures of SAARC Nations

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of women in the national legislatures of the SAARC Nations;

(b) the percentage of women in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in the country currently; and

(c) the State-wise figures for percentage of women in State legislatures in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) A Statement-I containing the details is annexed. (See below)

(b) The percentage of women in Lok Sabha is 8.4% and that in Rajya Sabha is 10.4% in the country currently.

(c) A Statement-II containing the details is annexed.

Statement-I**Percentage of women in national legislatures of the SAARC Nations**

Country	Lower or single House				Upper House or Senate			
	Elections	Seats*	Women	%W	Elections	Seats*	Women	%W
Pakistan	10 2002	342	73	21.3	03 2006	100	17	17.0
Bangladesh	10 2001	345	52	15.1				
Maldives	01 2005	50	6	12.0				
India	04 2004	545	45	8.3	06 2004	250	28	11.2
Nepal	05 1999	204	12	5.9	06 2001	18	3	16.7
Sri Lanka	04 2004	225	11	4.9				
Bhutan	NA	150	4	2.7				

*: Figures correspond to the number of seats currently filled in Parliament
Source: www.ipu.org

Statement-II*State-wise percentage of women in State legislatures*

States	Men	Women	Total	% of Women
Andhra Pradesh	268	26	294	8.84
Arunachal Pradesh	59	1	60	1.67
Assam	113	13	126	10.32
Bihar	218	25	243	10.29
Chhattisgarh	85	5	90	5.56
Delhi	63	7	70	10.00
Goa	39	1	40	2.50
Gujarat	170	12	182	6.59
Haryana	79	11	90	12.22
Himachal Pradesh	64	4	68	5.88
Jammu & Kashmir	85	2	87	2.30
Jharkhand	78	3	81	3.70
Karnataka	218	6	224	2.68
Kerala	133	7	140	5.00
Madhya Pradesh	211	19	230	8.26
Maharashtra	276	12	288	4.17
Manipur	59	1	60	1.67
Meghalaya	58	2	60	3.33
Mizoram	40	0	40	0.00
Nagaland	60	0	60	0.00
Orissa	136	11	147	7.48
Pondicherry	30	0	30	0.00
Punjab	109	8	117	6.84
Rajasthan	188	12	200	6.00
Sikkim	29	3	32	9.38
Tamil Nadu	212	22	234	9.40
Tripura	58	2	60	3.33
Uttar Pradesh	377	26	403	6.45
Uttaranchal	66	4	70	5.71
West Bengal	257	37	294	12.59

Source: Election Commission's website.